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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1, 3 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Fernsler et al. '931 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. The allowable matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into claim 1. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 13, which is now believed to be allowable.

While Applicants' representative doesn't necessarily agree with the interpretation of the reference, the claims have been amended to further prosecution. Furthermore, Applicants' representative reserves the right to pursue broader claims in a continuation application.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be allowable.

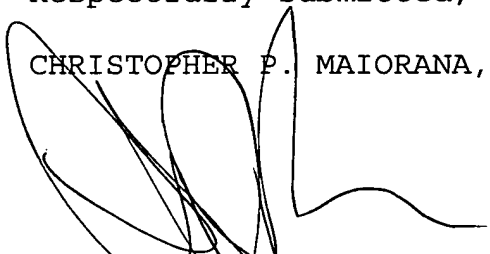
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge our office Account No. 50-0541.

Respectfully submitted,

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